

With an abiding concern for the people of Guam, Mr. Leon Guerrero was determined to establish a responsive, full service banking institution to meet the unique and specialized needs of island residents. Not only did he perceive this type of institution to be sorely lacking on Guam; as a pioneering businessman, he was also driven by a desire to serve his community by utilizing his considerable business acumen.

December 11, 1972, was opening day for the Bank of Guam and its thirteen original staff members. From its humble beginnings in the Santa Cruz area of Hagåtña through its expansion with branches in Saipan, Rota, Tinian, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Majuro, Kwajalein, Palau and San Francisco, the Bank of Guam has progressed at a truly impressive pace. The Bank's services range from full service banking, ATM machines, investment opportunities and even home banking. Currently managed by a cadre of business professionals following in the footsteps of their founder, the bank is fulfilling its promises to the people of Guam and to the people of Micronesia as a responsible banking institution.

In conjunction with the hallmarks of responsibility and service, the Bank of Guam is also known for its sincere commitment to the community as a whole. This commitment has made its successful operation possible during these past thirty years. With competent staff members and an experienced Board of Directors, the Bank of Guam is leading the banking community of the region into the 21st century.

Although this is a brief overview of the Bank of Guam's numerous accomplishments, one can understand the overwhelming positive impact this institution has had, and will continue to have, on the people of Guam and Micronesia. For thirty years, the Bank of Guam has served our island communities. I am sure that it will continue to provide excellent services. In the words of Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, "There are two fundamental reasons why I wanted to take the risk in starting the Bank of Guam. Number one, provide service to the community that was not available, and then, two, back up that service with a commitment to take care of our people." The Bank of Guam had proven on innumerable times its commitment to this philosophy.

I offer my congratulations to the Bank of Guam for thirty years of dedicated service to the community. The legacy that Jesus S. Leon Guerrero has created will continue to be strong, vibrant and beneficial to the people of Guam for generations to come. We have every confidence that the Bank's current president, Anthony Leon Guerrero, and his excellent staff will continue to build upon this legacy.

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#### RECOGNITION OF JANE HEALY

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jane Healy for her many years of public service and the contributions she has

made to so many people in Colorado. On February 1, 2002, she will be celebrating her 70th birthday. Many of those 70 years have been involved in public service. I wanted to take this opportunity not only to wish her a most happy birthday, but also to highlight her outstanding career and accomplishments.

Upon my election to the 2nd Congressional District in 1998, I was fortunate to have Jane join my staff as the Director of Constituent Services. I was very appreciative because I had learned of her many years of constituent service work for my predecessor, David Skaggs, as well as similar work for other Colorado elected officials including Senator Gary Hart and State Treasurer Gail Schoettler.

Jane's work in these offices earned her a reputation as a caring and extremely effective advocate for individual Coloradans with state and federal agencies. She had developed great expertise in relevant agency rules and procedures and had earned the respect of agency personnel. As a result, she could provide simple, direct advice and was especially helpful to many people who would have been frustrated and confused without her assistance.

Nowhere was this expertise more pronounced than in the complex area of immigration matters and the extensive process of selecting nominees for appointment to the service academies.

On immigration matters, Jane became the "dean" of the Colorado delegation staff—particularly on issues related to visas and the status of foreign nationals lining and working in the United States. Oftentimes, when an issue was too complex for other offices to handle, she would be asked advice on how to proceed. On the service academy selection process, she was especially adroit at making this potentially stressful and unmanageable system of selecting nominees to our armed service academies a smoothly functioning and enjoyable experience, while always underscoring the honorable nature of the effort and treating it with the highest respect and decorum.

When she joined my staff, she helped set the standard of excellence for casework service. She helped train novice staff members in the art of casework service and correspondence. Her knowledge and expertise has served my office well—but more importantly, it has helped countless numbers of people over the years. It is estimated that over the course of her career, she directly helped resolve over 20,000 cases on an impressive array of issues.

Jane's dedication was unequalled. Coworkers would notice that she would frequently leave the office at the end of the day with bags of casework papers on which she continued working at home. My staff and I deeply miss her talents in calligraphy, here editing skills, her love of Ireland, and her chocolate raspberry pies.

On a personal note, Jane also worked as the Colorado State Coordinator for my father's presidential campaign in 1976. She proudly displayed in her office a photo taken during that campaign showing her with my dad.

She also has been involved in many other community activities, such as serving on the Board of North Metro Community services, which provides needed services to disabled citizens in the northern portions of the Denver-

metro area. To serve so broadly, so successfully, and with such grace, heart, and spirit is deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Jane Healy for her exemplary public service to the people of Colorado and their elected officials. Her many accomplishments go beyond reckoning, and I wish her good health and happiness in the future.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUD E. WASHINGTON

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to a local hero whose life-long pursuit of improving and enriching the lives of others is an inspiration to us all. Lud E. Washington recently died just short of both his 88th birthday and his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Marguerite, but his life was one of immense fulfillment and a source of endless joy for those who knew and loved him. As his family mourns the loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Lud and pay tribute to him for his contributions to his community, his state and his country.

Lud was a true pioneer who fought courageously to break down racial barriers and open doors for future generations of African-Americans and minorities. He gave his time and energy to those who needed him most. He began his career by running the all African-American Lincoln Home, which served as a boarding house for African-Americans of all ages who were in need of a caretaker and mentor. He dedicated his life to ensuring that no child grew up without the proper guidance, love, or care. Lud believed that he could, by offering his help to one child at a time, have a dramatic impact on an entire community.

Lud was the first African-American foreman at the Pueblo Army Depot, breaking down barriers that enabled others who followed him to attain increasingly higher-ranking positions within the military. He, along with long-time friend Linc Wilson, led Pueblo's first and only all African-American Boy Scout Troop in the late 1940's, an undertaking that served as an indispensable resource for the young African-Americans of the Pueblo community. By fostering a spirit of leadership, camaraderie and cooperation, the Troop helped provide the positive reinforcement that so many children had previously not been able to find elsewhere. Lud's efforts and courage in the face of long odds are a testament to his indestructible and benevolent human spirit.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Lud Washington, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that Lud left with all of us. His life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring the attention of this body of Congress to his life. Lud Washington will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and the entire community.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY MESSER AND CARL HOUSE ON THEIR 50 YEARS TOGETHER AND TO THE TRIANGLE FOUNDATION AND ITS 10 YEARS OF ACTIVISM

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Triangle Foundation, an organization dedicated to the struggle for dignity, justice, and civil rights in Michigan. I also wish to honor the Triangle Foundation's founder Henry Messer and his partner, Carl House, and acknowledge their continued activism and their 50 years together.

The Triangle Foundation of Michigan has been fighting for the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people in Michigan for ten years. Through the work of a dedicated and highly capable staff, the Triangle Foundation has been the leader on GLBT issues in Michigan. Their efforts have helped to enact anti-discrimination laws in many Michigan cities and turn back unfair and unjust policies in others. The Triangle Foundation's energy on the electoral front has given a voice to those who support civil rights initiatives and who understand that discrimination has no place in America.

The Triangle Foundation's dedication to the struggle for civil rights is a testament to the devotion and involvement of Henry Messer and Carl House. As early as the 1950s, they were helping to organize and support GLBT rights movements in New York City. Dr. Messer, who is a retired Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan, was also a member of the Mattachine Society, which, founded in 1951, is often considered a beginning force in the contemporary gay rights movement in the U.S.

In the late 1970s, Henry Messer and Carl House moved to Michigan, but did not leave behind their strong ideals and commitment to justice. Instead they continued their strong activism in state and local politics and issues affecting GLBT people. This culminated in 1991 when Henry Messer, with Carl by his side, founded the Triangle Foundation and propelled Michigan into the GLBT rights movement.

Because of the work of Henry Messer, Carl House, the Triangle Foundation, and many others in the struggle, we have come a long way in our efforts to expand civil rights to everyone—but we still have a long way to go. Through continued activism and education, we can and will reach our goals.

**SALUTE TO ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE**

**HON. JOHN R. THUNE**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base in my home state of South Dakota upon their return home from Afghanistan.

Ellsworth Air Force Base is the home of the 28th Bomb Wing of B-1 bombers and more

than 3,500 military and civilian members. Each of these men and women proudly serve their country in numerous ways every day. And when duty calls, they are ready and willing to stand in harm's way on behalf of their country.

The people of Ellsworth Air Force Base have a history of performing well in U.S. missions. In Operation Desert Fox during the Gulf War, crews from Ellsworth helped the B-1 make its combat debut, and they also participated in Operation Allied Force in Kosovo.

Most recently, B-1 air and ground crews returned to Ellsworth after participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The B-1 and their crews were involved in every aspect of the most precise, intense bombing campaign in history, flattening terrorist targets and taking out Taliban strongholds. These bombers were the key to winning the war in Afghanistan.

I also want to pay tribute to Ellsworth's commander, Brigadier General Edward Rice, Jr., who commanded all B-1 and B-52 operations over the skies of Afghanistan. His recent promotion says more about his value to our nation than any words can say.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base are tremendous assets to South Dakota and to our country. I am proud of the important role they play both at home and abroad. For all the sophistication of the military hardware in use today, we know it is the individuals, like those at Ellsworth, who truly get the job done.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base. All of America owes both the B-1 and these people their thanks.

**THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUAM HILTON RESORT AND SPA**

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, Conrad Hilton began his famous career by renting out rooms in the San Antonio adobe house where he grew up. He officially entered the hotel business in 1919 when he took over a small hotel in Cisco, Texas. Today, the name "Hilton" has become synonymous to the word "hotel" with their coast-to-coast operations in the United States as well as in Spain, Turkey, Cuba, Egypt, and many other nations.

As with its sister facilities throughout the world, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa, now celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, has made an indelible mark on the island's tourism industry as well as the local community. A partner in the island's development, Guam Hilton became the first international deluxe hotel to build facilities on the island in 1972, as Guam's tourism industry was still in its earliest stage. Over the next thirty years, the hotel has expanded its operations at its original location in Tumon Bay, the center of the island's tourist trade. From its initial 250 guest rooms with three food and beverage outlets, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa is now comprised of three main buildings housing 687 guest rooms along with seven Food and Beverage outlets. Nestled on 32 acres of prime beachfront property, the restaurant facilities within the hotel complex offers health conscious menus which

has recently been added to their unique tropical cuisine.

Sport enthusiasts for years have taken advantage of the Hilton's sports programs and facilities. Their tennis facilities feature five night lighted courts. A variety of programs are available for novices and advanced players along with supervised activities and exercise programs for all ages. A state-of-the-art fitness club with saunas, a water park, jacuzzi, a children's playground and activities room, jogging and walking trails, and a private beach club offering a variety of watersports equipment rental have also been made available to guests. Major tourist attractions, diving, deep-sea fishing and world class golf facilities may also be conveniently arranged through the hotel's tour desk representatives.

A wide range of spa activities, massage therapies, body treatments and salon services complement the sports and leisure activities. Patrons can relax in idyllic surroundings while trained hands of the Mandara spa staff provide soothing services in an unhurried fashion. Professional consultants from the Adventist Medical Services are also available to administer health programs.

On Valentine's Day of 1997, overlooking a spectacular view of the island's most popular spots, Two Lovers Point and Tumon Bay, the first wedding at the newly opened wedding chapel, St. Grace by the Sea was held. Later that year, the hotel's 25th Anniversary was celebrated by the first ever laser light show on Guam with the event's proceeds going to local non-profit organizations such as Guma Mami, the Guam Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

For the past three decades, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa has been a main contributor in the development and progress of the island's tourism industry. Through the years, Hilton has made great contributions and provided innovations that make Guam extraordinary and more appealing to both its residents and visitors. Under the able leadership of Mr. Manfred Pieper, I expect and I am assured that Hilton will continue to build upon its thirty-year legacy. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my congratulations to the management and employees of the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa on their 30th anniversary.

**ON NIST'S VALUE TO THE COUNTRY AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY**

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002*

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and to its contributions to our national security.

You might have seen NIST in the news lately. Two of my constituents—Dr. Eric Cornell, a researcher at NIST's labs in Boulder, Colorado, and Carl Wieman, a researcher at the University of Colorado—were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for their work in creating a new state of matter. The goal of the scientists was to create Bose-Einstein condensation, an extreme state of matter predicted by Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose and later expounded upon by Albert Einstein.